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GERMANY'S VIOLATIONS OF THE LAWS OF WAR—1914-15. COMPILED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, translated and with an introduction by J. O. P. Bland. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1915. Pp. xxvi, 346.

This volume may be described as a book of source materials with reference to the conduct of the present war by the Germans in the form of a series of admissions by the defendant. There is a short section having to do with violations of the neutrality of Luxemburg and Belgium; another upon the violation of the French frontier before the actual declaration of war. The greater part of the book, however, is concerned with the violations of the specific rules with reference to the conduct of war on land. Many extracts from the notebooks of German officers and soldiers are translated and reproductions are given of the original pages of these notebooks and diaries. The purpose of course is polemic, and yet the volume has an abiding value as source material in international law. J. S. R.

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AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND MAJORITY RULE—A STUDY IN AMERICAN POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT, by Edward Elliott, Ph.D., Princeton, New Jersey, Princeton University Press, 1916. Pp. iv, 175.

This book is a well written semi-popular presentation of the various mechanical contrivances made use of in the United States from the beginning for securing the expression of popular opinion. Dr. ELLIOTT notes the tendency constantly to complicate the machinery of government for the purpose of expressing majority rule, and concludes that each successful complication renders majority rule, in its true sense, more difficult of realization. The remedy he sees in the simplification of government all along the line in accordance with the ideas of the short ballot. Indeed, the book may be said to be an excellent brief for the short ballot movement. J. S. R.